

~~SECRET~~

~~SECRET~~

From 111200A Mar 45
To 121200A Mar 45
Hq. Twelfth Army Group
APO 655
122300A March 1945

No. 280

G-3 REPORT

Maps: G.S.G.S. 4336 and 4249, 1:100,000
12 AG OUTLINE MAP 1:1,000,000
(Situation Map attached).

: ~~SECRET~~ :
:Auth: CG, Twelfth Army Group: :
:Init: C. T. S. : :
:Date: 12 March 1945 S. : :

1. FRONT LINE: See Map.

BOUNDARY CHANGE:

Boundary between Sixth and Twelfth Army Groups: CONFLANS U6364 (to Sixth Army Gp) - BUSS Q3275 - LEBACH Q4090 - THOLEY Q4998 - NOHFELDEN L5710 - thence along railroad following NAHER River to BINGEN M1151 (all incl to Twelfth Army Gp).

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: See Map.

3. ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS.

SIXTH ARMY GROUP. (111200A). FIRST FRENCH ARMY. 14th French Division. No change.

I Corps. No change.

II Corps. 1st French Division. Continued movement to the ALPINE FRONT COMMAND.

SEVENTH ARMY. 3d and 45th Divisions. No change. 65th Infantry Regiment. Reverted to command of 71st Division.

VI Corps. No change.

XV Corps. 71st Division. Continued movement to an assembly area in the vicinity of ALTWILLER Q4437. 6th Armored Division. Closed in an assembly area in the vicinity of VIC-SUR-SEILLE Q1120.

XXI Corps. No change.

TWENTY-FIRST ARMY GROUP. NINTH U S ARMY. (112400A). XIX Corps. 95th Division. Closed in an assembly area in the vicinity of F1576. 29th Division. 115th Infantry closed in an assembly area in the vicinity of F1481. 175th Infantry closed in an assembly area in the vicinity of F0780.

XIII Corps. 102d Division. Relieved the 95th Division and 2d Armored Division along the RHINE River from A2902 to A3012.

XVI Corps. 35th Division. (With CCB 8th Armd Div and 15th Cav Gp atchd). Captured FORT BLUCHER A2138. All organized resistance in the corps zone ceased. Combat Command "B" reverted to command of the 8th Armored Division. 15th Cavalry Group was relieved from attachment and attached to the 75th Division. Front line change: RHINE River A2138 - A2140.

SECOND BRITISH ARMY. XII Corps. No change.

VIII Corps. 11th Armored Division. (Less 4th Armd Bde). Closed in an assembly area in the vicinity of DIEST K1168.

XXX Corps. No change.

FIRST CANADIAN ARMY. 49th Division. No change.

II Canadian Corps. 52d Division. (With 34th Tk Bde and 8th Armd Bde atchd). Relieved 214th Brigade (43d Div). 3d Canadian Division. Closed in an assembly area in the vicinity of B8550. 4th Canadian Armored Division. The 4th Canadian Armored Brigade concentrated in the vicinity of A0436 and the 10th Canadian Infantry Brigade in the vicinity of A1135.

DECLASSIFIED

E.O. 12065, Sec. 3-402

DOD Directive 5200.30, June 18, 1979

By JLG, L.C.; Date 3-82

- 1 -

~~SECRET~~

~~SECRET~~

280/1

I Corps. No change.

AIR. (11 March). Eighth Air Force: Dispatched 1,250 bombers against six U-boat yards, two bridges and three oil refineries in northwestern Germany. 1,220 aircraft dropped 2,419.7 tons of general purpose and 601.6 tons of incendiary bombs on three assigned targets and one target of opportunity. One bomber was lost. 767 fighter aircraft sortied in support of the bomber operation; six fighters were lost. Ninth Air Force: IX Bombardment Division: Dispatched 836 bombers against airfields in BREITSHEID A3906, LIPPE G2334, ETTINGSHAUSEN G8318 and NIDDA G9002; communications centers in HACKENBURG G0628, WISSEN F9942 and SIERSHAHN G0308; an ammunition dump in WULFEN A4948 and other targets.

4. WEATHER (Battle Area).

Precipitation: None. Clouds: Broken to overcast. Visibility: 1 to 2 miles at dawn, becoming 2 to 4 miles by noon and 4 to 6 miles during the afternoon. Wind: 5 mph, north. Temperatures at NAMUR: Maximum 52° F. Minimum 40° F.

5. OUR OPERATIONS.

TWELFTH ARMY GROUP. 66th Division. No change.

THIRD ARMY. XX Corps. 10th Armored Division. (With 417th Inf atchd). The 417th Infantry Regiment repulsed a counterattack supported by tanks in the vicinity of KASEL L2729. The division continued to clear resistance from the area north of the MOSELLE River. Units reached BAUSENDORF L4757 and OLKENBACH L4658. Combat Command "R" remained in division reserve in the vicinity of TRIER L2129. Front line change: L4550 - L4652 - L4657 - BAUSENDORF L4757 - OLKENBACH L4658. 3d Cavalry Group. Captured RIOL L3233. Front line change: L3032 - RIOL L3233. 16th Cavalry Group. Relieved units of the 3d Cavalry Group.

XII Corps. 76th Division. (Less 417th Inf and with 2d Cav Gp atchd). Advanced to MARING L4747, DIEFENBACH L4359, WILLWERSCHEID L4260 against light resistance. Units of the 2d Cavalry Group moved to the vicinity of L3964. Front line changes: MARING L4747 and L4658 - DIEFENBACH L4359 - WILLWERSCHEID L4260 - L4364 - L3969. 5th Division. The 10th Infantry Regiment closed in division reserve in the vicinity of MULLENBACH L5280. 4th Armored Division. (With 11th Inf atchd). Advanced to MUDEM L7176. Front line change: MUDEM L7176 - L7579. 80th Division. Attached to XII Corps and closed in the vicinity of MONDORFF P9401. 89th Division. Commenced the relief of the 76th Division. Only light resistance was encountered on the division front.

VIII Corps. 11th Armored Division. Units of Combat Command "B" north of the VIII - V Corps boundary were relieved by V Corps (First Army) and closed in the vicinity of WEHR F6202. 4th Division. Attached to the Sixth Army Group 10 March. Commenced movement to the area of the Seventh U S Army. 6th Cavalry Group. Established contact with the 102d Cavalry Group (V Corps) in the vicinity of F5605.

FIRST ARMY. V Corps. 2d Division. Mopped up pockets of resistance remaining in the vicinity of ANDERNACH F7604.

III Corps. The treadway bridge at F6420 was completed and a heavy ponton bridge at F6718 became operational at 2300A. Three ferries continued in operation as well as ten LCVPs. Three battalions of light artillery and one 4.2 chemical mortar battalion crossed into the bridgehead area. Enemy artillery fire falling into the bridgehead decreased to light. 99th Division. Advanced two miles southeast against moderate resistance and reached the northern edge of HONNINGEN F6913. The 395th Infantry Regiment was attached to the 9th Division. Front line change: F6914 - F6913 - F7215 - F7117 - F7118 - F7119. 9th Division. (With CCB 9th Armd Div atchd). Advanced three miles east against stiff resistance. NOTSCHEID F7122 and LORSCHIED F7321 were captured. The 39th Infantry was attached to the 78th Division. Subsequent to its attachment the 395th Infantry reverted to the 99th Division. Front line change: F7219 - F7220 - F7221 - LORSCHIED F7321 - NOTSCHEID F7122 - F7123. 78th Division. (With 39th Inf atchd). Attacked northeast and

gained three miles. Captured the town at F7125, the high ground at F6925 and F6923 against stiff resistance. Front line change: F6924 - F7125 - high ground. F6925 - F6725 - F6726 - F6626 - F6426 - F6428 - F6328. 9th Armored Division, (Less CCB). Occupied an assembly area west of the RHINE River bridgehead and remained on a one-hour alert.

VII Corps. No change.

FIFTEENTH ARMY. 13th Armored, 16th Armored, 20th Armored, 86th, 97th, 106th Divisions, XXII and XXIII Corps. All no change.

6. CASUALTIES. (cumulative to 112400A).

	Killed	Wounded	Missing	Captured	Total
Twelfth Army Group Battle	63,165	256,704	35,096	8,869	363,834
Non-battle					265,775
			Total Casualties		629,609

7. COMMAND POSTS: Changes during the day.

Sixth Army Group	
70th Division	MERLEBACH Q3361
6th Armored Division	VIC-SUR-SEILLE Q1120

Twenty-First Army Group	
Second British Army (Main)	WALBECK E9623
95th Division	AMELN F0866
3d British Division	E8753

Twelfth Army Group	
89th Division	SPEICHER L2149
11th Armored Division	NIEDERMENDIG L6797

Dist: "Z"

for C. T. Schmidt
A. FRANKLIN KIBLER,
Brigadier General, G. S. C. G.
A. C. of S., G-3